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NSC BRIEFING

6 June 1956

FRANCE AND ALGERIA

I. Mollet won his vote of confidence (271 to 59, with 201 abstaining). The Communists abstained en bloc (150) because of Mollet's insistence on a single vote.

A. Mollet said Algeria's links with France are "indissoluble," elections in Algeria will be held three months after pacification, the government is about to proceed with "reforms."

B. Meanwhile, Lacoste is reportedly working on new form of "association" for Algeria.

II. French offensive launched 30 May in Kabylie mountain region apparently timed to support government's position.

A. Though French [redacted] claim major victory here, rebels still control large areas of Constantine and Bone, and region around Tlemcen. 25X1 25X1 25X1

III. Meanwhile, [redacted] Arabs are increasing aid to rebels. [redacted]

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C. French statements on Moroccan and Tunisian aid to Algerian rebels are conflicting. French in Algeria say aid is extensive. French in Morocco and Tunisia deny this and point up French-Tunisian co-operation against Algerian fellagha. 25X1

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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